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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance

with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the

documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed Japanese documents are

also enclosed.

The concise explanation of the relevance of the Japanese documents may be found in

the attached English Abstracts thereof and/or in an Office Action issued July 25, 2007 in a

counterpart Japanese application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is enclosed for the

Examiner's convenience, along with an English translation of portions thereof.

Japanese Document No. 2001-94887 corresponds to U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0062865 and Japanese Document No. 2001-285723 corresponds to U.S. Patent Publication No. 2006/0250513 and U.S. Patent No. 7,098,950.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

The required fee of $180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) is being submitted electronically.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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